

Abstract

5 The present invention relates to a process for dehydrating naturally occurring
organic materials which contain a biologically active component, and in particular
proteins, which does not change the original structure of the active component, by drying
such material in particulate form in the presence of an antimicrobial agent and preferably
an ionizable salt at temperatures at or below which denaturation occurs until the water
10 content of the material is reduced to less than 15%.